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MAC TO CLOSE RUNWAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION

IMPACTS IN BLOOMINGTON FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER

THIS SUMMER AND FALL, RESIDENTS living in areas surrounding the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) will notice a change in aircraft flight patterns. MSP's south parallel runway, where flights approach and depart over Minneapolis and Eagan, will close for reconstruction for two months, beginning August 13. During the closure, Runway 4/22, the crosswind runway over Bloomington, and Runway 17/35 will be used for additional arrivals and departures. For more information, visit Metropolitan Airports Commission's (MAC) airport noise Web site at www.macnoise.com, or call MAC at 712-725-6455 or Larry Lee, City of Bloomington, at 952-563-8947.

IMPACTS DISCUSSED AT OPEN HOUSE

Residents are encouraged to attend an Open House on **Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers at Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. MAC will discuss how flight patterns are expected to change during the runway closure.



BUILDING COMMUNITY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

BLOOMINGTON'S 24TH Annual National Night Out celebration will be

held **Tuesday, August 7**. Last year, more than 331 neighborhoods joined forces in an effort to prevent crime. Registration materials will soon be sent to block captains. For more information, call 952-563-8808.

BOOK 'EM ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE

USED BOOKS ARE ON THE MOST WANTED list. Bloomington Crime Prevention Association's 15th Annual Used Book Sale will be held **June 9 - 23**, at 9801 Lyndale Ave. S. Proceeds fund crime and violence prevention initiatives. For information or drop-off locations, call 952-220-2537 or visit www.bcpamn.org. Books will be collected at drop-off locations and onsite during the sale.

SET A TEE TIME AT A CITY GOLF COURSE “ARGUABLY THE BEST GOLF VALUE IN THE STATE”



COME DISCOVER WHY GOLFERS RETURN TIME AND AGAIN TO DWAN GOLF Club and Hyland Greens – two gems in Bloomington.

Hyland Greens, located at Normandale Boulevard and 102nd Street, is meticulously maintained. Patrons rave about the condition of this short course. Hyland offers two nine-hole courses. The long nine takes reservations for tee times seven days in advance; the short nine is first come, first play. Hyland is ideal for family outings, for work on your short game and for beginners, juniors or occasional golfers. Hyland also offers a practice range.

Dwan Golf Club, located at 110th Street and Xerxes Avenue, is an 18-hole, par-68 course. Measuring 5,485 yards, Dwan is a fun, challenging layout. The greens are small and sloped; the fairways are tree lined. Don't let the yardage fool you.

Green fees are Dwan, \$27, and Hyland, \$12. No wonder *Golf Guide of Minnesota* rated Dwan as “arguably the best golf value in the state.” In addition, both golf courses are managed by PGA golf professionals. For more information, call Ali Hassan at 952-563-8868.



PRESERVING BLOOMINGTON'S PAST OLD TOWN HALL UNDER RENOVATION

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER OF Bloomington's rich history stands at the intersection of Penn Avenue and Old Shakopee Road. Old Town Hall, one of the last buildings to remain from Bloomington's historic downtown, is being restored to its original 1892 appearance. The goal of the restoration effort is to maintain Bloomington's past and present identity.

“Historical properties are disappearing,” Bloomington Parks and Recreation Supervisor Mark Morrison said. “Old Town Hall, which represents the history of Bloomington's government, is one of the last old town halls in the Twin Cities' metropolitan area. When the restoration is complete, it will be a visible landmark in this historic part of the city.”

Frerichs Construction Company began the stabilization and rehabilitation of the 115-year-old building in March. Kodet Architecture was hired to ensure that standards for historical preservation were maintained. The \$740,000 exterior restoration project includes replacing asphalt shingles with cedar shakes, removing the stucco and installing wood siding, replacing window frames with replicas of the original arch window frames and installing a reconstructed cupola. Site work will also include a new parking lot, landscaping and construction of an accessible ramp.

In 2004, the City Council approved a reuse study of Old Town Hall. Through meetings, petitions, e-mails and an online survey, Bloomington residents expressed overwhelming support for saving Old Town Hall. The City Council adopted the study's recommendations that included restoration of the building. It was also determined that the best use of the Old

Town Hall would be to continue housing the Bloomington Historical Society. The Society plans a more vital and energetic use of the space.

“The main floor layout will be reorganized and permanent exhibit cases along with rotating exhibit kiosks situated in the center of the gallery will be installed,” Bloomington Historical Society President Vonda Kelly said. “This will enable the building to be used for workshops, receptions, weddings, educational events and various other history-related programs.”

The renovation project is scheduled for completion in early fall. For more information, call Mark Morrison at 952-563-8693.



BE A PART OF HISTORY ENGRAVED BRICKS OFFERED

The Bloomington Historical Society is raising \$140,000 toward the exterior renovation of Old Town Hall. Engraved history bricks for the proposed plaza area are being offered as part of its fundraising efforts. Cost is \$100 for a four-by-eight inch brick and \$175 for an eight-by-eight inch brick. If you would like to make a donation, call 952-881-4327 or visit www.bloomingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

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LEADING THE WAY TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
BLOOMINGTON’S LONG HISTORY OF STEWARDSHIP

By Mayor Gene Winstead

AS TEMPERATURES ROSE ACROSS THE globe, glaciers that once loomed large across Minnesota receded at the end of the last major Ice Age 12,000 years ago. During the Medieval period, warming reached a point across the northern hemisphere at which grapes were grown in southern Britain and the Vikings sailed ice-free seas to colonize parts of Greenland. The Little Ice Age followed, lasting from the late-1200s to the mid-1800s, apparently caused by changing solar patterns and more robust volcanic activity. Only in the past few decades have European temperatures returned to ranges found in the 1200s.

For most of human existence, those not privileged to live in more tropical climates where energy needs could be satisfied from the sun have struggled to stay alive from day to day. People depended on less direct solar energy via carbon-based fuels, such as wood and coal, to prepare food and ward off the cold.

A shift to fossil fuels

In the developed world, transformation in the standard of living began with the industrial revolution that moved away from products produced by human energy to mass-produced goods and services. That transformation made today’s information revolution possible, fueled by vastly increased use of non-human energy. Early hydro-power use, which helped mechanize the textile industry, and the renewable energy from wood were outstripped by fossil fuels that included coal, then oil and eventually natural gas. This carbon-based combustion gives off byproducts that vent into the environment and accumulate at higher levels of the stratosphere, creating a blanket that traps heat in the lower parts of the atmosphere.

Changing local weather patterns, an increase in catastrophic storms and spiking energy prices sparked a change in public attitudes, including concern with traditional living arrangements. Solutions range from more trees and green space to alternative fuel use and energy sources with fewer atmospherically endangering byproducts. While appealing, not all proposed solutions will lead to decreased carbon and other emissions that should, in turn, reduce the amount of global heating.

Environmental consciousness, energy conservation and sustainable objectives are not new to Bloomington.

Home to Native Americans who lived on what they gathered from nature, the community yielded to the plow and farming in the mid-1800s. By the mid-1900s, Bloomington became a traditional post-World War II suburb, but remembered and treasured its roots and was a good steward of its resources.

Protecting natural resources

Early efforts preserved one-third of the community as parks and open space, protecting important, often fragile, rivers, bluffs, lakes, ponds and wetlands from development. While 20 percent of this protected area was developed as activity-based parks, 80 percent was preserved as open space enjoyed not only by residents, employees and visitors – but also by wildlife – deer, fox, turkey, pheasant, birds and, more recently, bald eagles.

With ongoing efforts to preserve and protect our natural resources, the City:

- Converted manicured turf to swathes of natural prairie, a landscape similar to 150 years ago.
- Employed well-trained forestry professionals; planted new trees throughout the city for more than 25 years; encouraged tree planting on residential properties with an annual tree sale and, as a result, received a “Tree City” designation for the last 20 years.
- Developed a comprehensive storm water quality improvement program.
- Upgraded the storm water system to improve capacity and water quality.
- Completed a comprehensive water body and wetlands study that resulted in a wetland buffering program.
- Required retailers selling fertilizer to offer phosphorus-free products.
- Increased street sweeping to reduce runoff into water bodies.

A sustainable form of living

A sustainable future is not only about green spaces, but the carbon-based energy used to support our lifestyle. Greater distances – between our homes, jobs, shopping and leisure activities – increase energy use. Open spaces that are not in close proximity to users push development farther out, contributing to less energy-efficient urban sprawl. The most sustainable form of living is a mixture of land uses that allows people to live, work and recreate at a density that best supports public transit, particularly electrically powered rail transit.

Striving to be less energy dependent, the City has provided leadership through



strategic planning, land use and financial capability, working for the past few decades to maximize development in proximity to major transportation facilities. Bloomington took advantage of Minnesota’s first rail transit in 50 years to drive higher-density, mixed-use projects such as Bloomington Central Station. The City is currently developing an alternative transportation plan for expanding non-motorized transportation. *See below.*

City’s long-time stewardship

The City represents 2 - 3 percent of the community’s total energy usage. Our longtime stewardship led to increased service and energy efficiency that included:

- Replacing major facilities with more energy-efficient buildings.
- Using a bio-diesel blend as 100 percent of our total diesel consumption.
- Purchasing vehicles that use E-85.
- Looking at purchasing hybrid vehicles to determine the economics of their use.

Our past and present efforts in these areas provide a foundation of leadership toward sustainability to create a brighter future. Our strategic planning framework, Imagine Bloomington 2025, will enable us to weave additional, sustainable objectives into our key strategic areas including: City services; education, employment and community; housing; parks, recreation and open space; people and culture; and transportation. Bloomington already gathered the low-hanging fruit that other Cities have only recently begun to pick. While they may look better in measures of progress that reflect these easy gains, Bloomington will continue to lead by example.

For more information, call Randy Quale at 952-563-8877 or visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Alternative transportation. E-mail comments to parksrec@ci.bloomington.mn.us.

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ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
DEVELOPING A NETWORK TO SUSTAINABILITY

BLOOMINGTON IS CURRENTLY undertaking an Alternative Transportation Plan that will encourage alternative commuting, reduce motorized traffic and provide recreational and physical fitness opportunities. Alternative transportation includes walking, bicycling, personal

transportation assistance devices, rollerblading and mass transit such as light rail and bus. Public input will be solicited through a citizen task force, open houses, focus groups, e-mail and written comments, and an online survey. A draft of the plan will be reviewed at an open house this fall.

Youth Activities

SUMMER ADVENTURE

Ages 6 - 12.

PLAYGROUNDS


JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR GAMES, SPORTS, story time, arts and crafts, carnivals and special events.

When: M, Tu,Th, June 11 - August 9. *(No program, July 2 - 6.)*

Where: Brookside (June 11 - July 13), Bryant, Brye, Countryside (June 20 - July 20), Kelly, Poplar Bridge, Running, Smith, Sunrise and Westwood parks.

Times: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$45. Field trips extra, *see below*. Friday swim trips \$5.




FIELD TRIPS

ADVENTURES AROUND THIS SUMMER. KIDS CAN SIGN UP FOR FUN, SAFE AND supervised field trips that will allow them to spend time with their friends. Some of the field trips include ice skating, rock climbing and swimming.

When: Wednesdays, June 13 - August 8. *(No field trip on July 4.)*

Cost: \$15 per trip.



SWIMMING LESSONS

AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIMMING LESSONS ARE AVAILABLE AT BLOOMINGTON FAMILY Aquatic Center, 301 E. 90th St., and Bush Lake Beach, 9140 E. Bush Lake Road.

When:	<i>Session I</i>	June 18 - 28.
	<i>Session II</i>	July 9 - 19.
	<i>Session III</i>	July 30 - August 9.
Times:	10:10 - 10:50 a.m.	Aquatic Center.
	7:10 - 7:50 p.m.	Aquatic Center.
	9:40 - 10:20 a.m.	Bush Lake Beach.
	6:40 - 7:20 p.m.	Bush Lake Beach.
Cost:	\$46.	
To register:	Call Parks and Recreation or register online at webtrac.ci.bloomington.mn.us .	



CAMP KOTA

Ages 7 - 12.

WHILE LEARNING BASIC CAMPING skills, children will develop an appreciation for the outdoors. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, active games, field trips, camp craft activities and overnight camp. Bus transportation is provided from 7:45 - 8:20 a.m. and 3:05 - 3:45 p.m., except on Friday mornings. Childcare is available before and after camp for an additional fee.

When: Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: Bush Lake picnic shelter 3, 9140 E. Bush Lake Road.

Session I July 23 - 27.

Session II July 30 - August 3.

Session III August 6 - 10.

Session IV August 13 - 17.

Cost: \$150 per week.

To register, call Parks and Recreation or download a registration form at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Kota.

NEW! KOTA KIDS FOR AGES 5 - 6

When: M - Th, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Session A July 30 - August 2.

Session B August 13 - 16.

Where: Bush Lake picnic shelter 3, 9140 E. Bush Lake Rd.

Cost: \$120 per week.



Mayor Gene Winstead, *left*, and Bloomington Advisory Board of Health's Michael Bawek, *right*, present the health promotion award to Thomas Ringdal.

BLOOMINGTON HEALTH PROMOTION AWARD BEC-TV's TOM RINGDAL

TOM RINGDAL, DIRECTOR OF BLOOMINGTON Educational Cable Television (BEC-TV), was presented with the 2007 Bloomington Health Promotion Award at a City Council meeting in April.

Ringdal received the award for his commitment to fostering youth developmental assets – the “building blocks of health” – through skill and relationship development opportunities provided via the *Tomorrow's Voices Today* (TVT) youth cable television show.

Ringdal said his love of people and pushing buttons is what attracted him to the TVT project. Stories from youth who were nourished by their involvement with Ringdal confirm his impact and contributions.

“He really understands how to connect with youth and motivate them to achieve great things,” said Andy Ohrt, a BEC-TV student volunteer technician.

TVT teaches marketable skills, communication, teamwork and how to relate to adults. The success of these youth is the legacy of TVT.

NORMANDALE LAKE ADDRESSING INVASIVE AQUATIC VEGETATION

THIS PAST WINTER, THE CITY'S Engineering and Environmental Health staff met with the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District to discuss Normandale Lake and strategies for addressing invasive aquatic vegetation, particularly Curleyleaf Pondweed. The current proposal would draw down Normandale Lake in the fall or winter 2008 to freeze Curleyleaf Pondweed and apply spot chemical treatment where needed. The lake would be allowed to return to its normal level naturally, using snowfall and rainfall. The following spring, lakeshore plantings and other vegetation mitigation would occur.

The Watershed District will be preparing a report to define the project more clearly, including the potential need for cost sharing with the City. Although detailed costs for the project have not been completed, estimated total costs range from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The City will continue with the current vegetation treatment plan using herbicides in Normandale Lake as permitted by the Department of Natural Resources. For more information, call Scott Anderson at 952-563-4867.

ADULT SPORTS



PICKLEBALL

PLAY AT HYLAND HILLS Tennis and Pickleball Court, 9858 Edgewood Road, on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays, May - October, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

Free lessons are available on Mondays at 9 a.m. For more information, call Jim at 952-835-2468 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Pickleball.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS LEAGUES

PLAY DOUBLES, singles and mixers from **June - August**. For more information, call Parks and Recreation or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Tennis.



SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

THE BORN AGAIN JOCKS SOFTBALL LEAGUE welcomes men, age 55 and older, with all levels of playing ability. Games are **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:45 a.m.**, at Valley View Playfield, 9000 Portland Ave. S. For more information, call Dick Wortman at 952-888-1814 or Loran Wendt at 952-831-4759, or e-mail Bob Wandberg at bwandberg@qwest.net.

NEW AND IMPROVED

BIG RINK RENOVATION IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY AT RECREATIONAL FACILITY



AN UPGRADE TO ONE OF THE RINKS AT the Bloomington Ice Garden (BIG) is currently underway. The 37-year-old rink number one, which seats 1,800 people, has been heavily used since it opened. The \$1.2 million rink reconstruction will include a new energy-efficient refrigeration system, extended players' boxes and seamless glass that will enhance spectator viewing. Construction began in April and is scheduled for completion next fall. For more information, call Andy Baltgalvis, Bloomington Ice Garden Manager, at 952-563-8842.



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON FARMERS MARKET

GET YOUR FRESH PRODUCE HERE

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO BUY PRODUCTS from local farmers, growers and producers. The City of Bloomington Farmers Market will be held on **Saturdays, July 7 - October 6, 7 a.m. - noon**, in the east parking lot of Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road. For more information, call 952-563-8889.



MONDAY MORNINGS
IN THE PARK

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

MUSIC, JUGGLING, FISHING, ZOO animals and more are featured at a park near you on **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

MINNESOTA FESTIVAL
OF LATIN MUSIC
THE BEST IN LATIN SONG
AND DANCE



Ticket to Brasil

THE THIRD ANNUAL MINNESOTA Festival of Latin Music, cosponsored by Univision (WUMN Channel 13) Spanish language television, will feature the best in Latin song and dance and traditional foods on **Saturday, July 21, 2 - 8:30 p.m.** Entertainment includes: *Swing Caribe*, high-energy Latin music; *Mariachi Flor Y Canto*, a traditional Mexican Mariachi band; *Ticket to Brasil*, Brazilian jazz and bossa nova; and *Salsa del Soul*, salsa music. Fans of Latin dance won't want to miss the music and dance of *Fuego Flamenco*.

BLOOMINGTON
JAZZ FESTIVAL
MINNESOTA'S FINEST TAKE THE STAGE



Jack Brass Band

FAST BECOMING ONE OF THE PREMIER jazz events in the state, the Bloomington Jazz Festival will be held **Sunday, August 12, 2 - 7 p.m.** The event features real New Orleans-style jazz with the *Jack Brass Band*, the great jazz vocals of *Maud Hixson*, the Dixieland tunes of *Barbary Coast* and one of the finest big bands in the state, the *Minnesota Jazz Orchestra*.

ARTS IN THE PARKS

BLOOMINGTON PARKS COME ALIVE WITH FREE entertainment this summer. Grab a blanket and come enjoy the variety. For more information or in case of inclement weather, call the Parks and Recreation 24-hour information line at 952-563-8878.

Normandale Lake Bandshell event parking is available in the 84th Street and Chalet Road parking lots.

LOCATIONS	
Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd.	Pond-Dakota, 401 E. 104th St.
Bush Lake Beach, 9140 E. Bush Lake Rd.	Poplar Bridge, 4600 W. 85th St.
Moir, 104th and Morgan Ave. S.	Running, 9501 12th Ave. S.
Normandale Lake Bandshell, 84th Street and Chalet Rd.	Smith, 8155 Park Ave.
	Sunrise, 9401 Bloomington Ferry Rd.
	Westwood, 3490 W. 109th St.

JUNE			
11	10:30 a.m.	Monday Mornings in the Park, Phil Baker	Bandshell
12	7 p.m.	Minnetonka Civic Orchestra	Bandshell
14	7 p.m.	John Phillip Sousa Band	Bandshell
18	10:30 a.m.	Minnesota Zoomobile	Moir
19	7 p.m.	St. Louis Park Community Band	Bandshell
21	6-8:45 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.	CELTIC MUSIC AND DANCE MacKenzie and Sproule Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association Lehto and Wright	Bandshell
25	10:30 a.m.	Wiggle, Jiggle and Jam	Civic Plaza
26	7 p.m.	Classic Country	Bandshell
28	7 p.m.	Splatter Sisters	Bandshell
JULY			
1	1 - 4 p.m.	SANDCASTLES	Bush Lake
3	5 - 10 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 8:45 p.m. 10 p.m.	SUMMER FETE Underwater Adventures Terramara Kid Power with Rachel Kroog The Good the Bad and the Funky Bloomington Medalist Band Fireworks	Bandshell
5	7 p.m.	Drive Time (Bluegrass)	Bandshell
9	10:30 a.m.	Bob the Beachcomber	Sunrise
10	7 p.m.	Calhoun Isles Community Band	Bandshell
12	6:30 p.m.	80s Music with Brat Pack Radio	Bandshell
16	10:30 a.m.	Claire Campbell-Tokar	Bandshell
17	7 p.m.	Jazz on the Prairie Big Band	Bandshell
19	7 p.m.	Stan Bann Big Band	Bandshell
21	2 - 8:30 p.m. 2 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	FESTIVAL OF LATIN MUSIC Mariachi Flor Y Canto Ticket to Brasil Salsa Del Soul Fuego Flamenco Swing Caribe	Bandshell
23	10:30 a.m.	DNR Fisheries Bluegill Bash	Smith
24	7 p.m.	Star of the North Concert Band	Bandshell
26	7 p.m.	Minneapolis Police Band	Bandshell
30	10:30 a.m.	Alpha Bits	Running
31	7 p.m.	Minnesota Scandinavian Ensemble	Bandshell
AUGUST			
2	6 - 8:30 p.m. 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.	BLUES AND BAR-B-Q Big Walter Smith and the Groove Merchants, Dave Holland and the Moses Oakland	Bandshell
6	10:30 a.m.	Mike Monson	Westwood
7	7 p.m.	CAAM Chinese Dance Theater	Bandshell
9	7 p.m.	Bloomington Symphony Orchestra	
12	2 - 7 p.m. 2 p.m. 3:20 p.m. 4:40 p.m. 6 p.m.	BLOOMINGTON JAZZ FESTIVAL Jack Brass Band Maud Hixson Barbary Coast Minnesota Jazz Orchestra	Bandshell

NORMANDALE LAKE
PERFORMANCE SERIES
ADD LIFE TO YOUR EVENINGS

ENJOY SUMMER EVENINGS WITH FREE musical performances on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays, 7 p.m.**, at the Normandale Lake Bandshell. This summer's lineup features three special events on **Thursdays**.



Lehto and Wright

An Evening of Celtic Music and Dance and traditional food on **June 21, 6 - 8:30 p.m.**, features Irish and Celtic instrumentals and vocals by *Laura MacKenzie* and *Daiithi Sproule*, Irish step dancers, performances by the *Minnesota Scottish Celtic Dance Association* and *Lehto and Wright's* Celtic folk rock tunes.

The *80s Music Explosion* on **July 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**, features cover band *Brat Pack Radio*. Rock out to your favorite songs from the 1980s and let the food vendors take care of your dinner plans.

The second annual *Blues and Bar-B-Q Show* on **August 2, 6 - 8:30 p.m.**, features *Paul Holland* and *Moses Oakland*, and the legendary blues band *Big Walter Smith and the Groove Merchants*, along with some tasty barbeque.

SANDCASTLES
SPEND A DAY AT THE BEACH

THIS ANNUAL EVENT, featuring sandcastle contests, prizes and more, will be held **Sunday, July 1, 1 - 4 p.m.** at Bush Lake Beach.



SUMMER FETE
THREE CHEERS FOR
THE RED, WHITE
AND BLUE

CELEBRATE OUR nation's independence on **Tuesday, July 3, 5 - 10 p.m.**, at Normandale Bandshell with food, music, carnival games and one of the biggest and best fireworks displays in the state. New this year is the 84th Street Kid's Stage, featuring family entertainment.



To make a donation or order Summer Fete T-shirts and buttons, use the envelope in your water bill or call 952-563-8693.